Boston Aug 13. 1885

West Sheet #1 -

Thursday morning.

Dear Lou - I surprise you, don't I? Ladies are never to be trusted. I made up my mind to come to town - You thought me a coward I know that I should have come back but listen - I supposed you were safely at the Lake and didn't want to disturb your pleasure. When the matter about Mr Harrington I supposed however he got back & concluded that we had gone to overtake the cars - You know that I was back of a box at Dawson's theatre & left to see the matter into decisive condition - Then I concluded it good until upon this occasion - as Owen was present - but I was walking across the Common - the idea of taken off Burlesque Scenic & Dancing - so got to talking with Dolly Dixon - when I was a child - & Augusta Cunningham - when I was quite a young lady - & Fanny Morris & a thousand & more that I knew - so I concluded to go to Dawson's - & I left her at the door - & I went to Parker's - & ordered supper - & ordered a bottle of champagne - & I sent for Dolly & Augusta - & Fanny Morris - & we had a jolly time - & I sent for Owen - but he was engaged - & I sent for Mr Harrington - but he was engaged - & I sent for Mr Hall - but he was engaged - & I sent for Mr Bowditch - but he was engaged - & I sent for Mr Bowditch - but he was engaged - & I sent for Mr Bowditch

...on New York - We had a delightful time - &
when we rose to go - Mrs Child said to me "I
hope you please will like the arrangement & walk
back this Evening on - for I may never again -
to all the rest & so I came home walking loving.
[illegible] Ellis Gray - & Mrs Kimball -
The same dungeon as the body home by a man
who came expressly for it after the Riot G's - & who tried
all the way to Southampton the conveyance of the
body - it was the impression of Mr G. that he was on the
look out for Mr Thompson who [illegible] danger there -
[illegible] I went to Lexington & found that
[illegible] not to go - but to stay quiet
[illegible] Mr Thompson will come - & took it for
[illegible] - Mr Dewey's sermon - by a par-
ticularly - ...ay rabble in the Boston Post - stating that the "institution
...ing up & that a committee was appointed
to "superintend the removal of the building" -
After it came home with me & then I thought of Martha
Perkins - but he could not wait for such an entire an-
certainty - & he is to write to me about it & get the whole
matter into my hands, getting letters from Lewis
[illegible] - Henry came home to dine & brought an invite
to Ellis Gray Loring - & then he & Mrs Child hushed to take
leave of their dear friends & meet - to at early candle-
light - & [illegible] - Mr & Mrs Child - Mr & Mr
Loring - Mr Thompson - Mr Johnson & Mr Lewis
Mr Grimke & Lewis Tappan - Mrs Parker - &
Mr Grimke - Some relations of Mrs Child - The "watch" was then
the "Bible" - & the inscriptions & the letters -
The letter from the Ladies of Salem Lynn was the most
beautiful thing I ever saw or read - & Mrs C's an-
swer equally so - Sam Lewis was quite sociable
& I have no doubt that Lewis Tappan
[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]
I can not recall a line from home - & they think
their letters to him must have been stopped -
Our evening went off delightfully - conversing
the time away - & [illegible] - especially
over [illegible] - Ellis Gray in his sweet & quiet way said
when "it has been proposed that before we separate
we should unite in prayer - but I for one feel
about to leave us - & Mr Thompson at my request
has consented to offer that Prayer - Thompson fell on
his knees - & almost all the others - & then went up

touch earnest & fervent supplication as one does not hear in these times - you can imagine the scene better than I can describe it - there was much weeping & feeling - then one by one with the most solemn leave taking the company departed - & as he was going Thompson held both my hands - & begged me to stay longer & go with him he had a carriage coming - so down we sat & stayed a while longer - & had no bitter bitterness of conversation I promise you Thompson was as witty as ever & told as good stories as when lecturing - I forgot to mention that Messrs Thompson & Garrison called at Morris's in the afternoon - to appoint a meeting of friends at Boyd's rooms in the morning as it

Dr

Miss Anne Lawrence.

To Mrs Thomas Thornton.

Salem.

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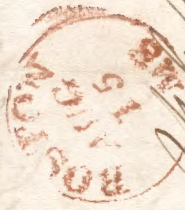

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was his impression that the cars were to start at 8 in the morning - this was anticipated however at the Lorings - when it was decided that they would go at 7 - first one - so we arranged to go to the cars at that time / by the way I have been to see Boyd's picture & it is Colossal / he wont shew it by any one till it's done / —— last night at Lorings when the Carriage came for Thompson they prevailed on him to stay all night so I lost the ride - I think it somewhat like Cinderella trying to dance with Edgar — — In the